



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/775,702 Confirmation No. 9171
Applicant : I. YAGISAWA et al
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Title : ARRAY-TYPE DISK APPARATUS PREVENTING LOST DATA
AND PROVIDING IMPROVED FAILURE TOLERANCE
(As Amended)
TC/AU : 2187
Examiner : M.A. Bradley
Docket No. : NIT-5094
Customer No.: 24956

Commissioner for Patents
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action (Final Rejection) of January 30, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and appropriate fee accompany this Amendment.

Remarks / Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.